

## **Amendments to the Claims**

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

### **Listing of Claims**

1. (Currently amended) A method for reconnecting a client to a host service, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

(a) providing a first connection between a client and a first protocol service executing on a second computing device, and a second connection between the first protocol service and a host service executing on a third computing device;

(b) detecting, by the first protocol service, a disruption in the first connection;

(c) re-establishing, by the client, the first connection between the client and the first protocol service while maintaining the second connection between the first protocol service and the host service;

(d) receiving at the first protocol service a ticket associated with the client;

(e) validating, by the first protocol service, the ticket; and

(f) linking, by the first protocol service after the ticket is validated, the re-established first connection to the maintained second connection.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein step (a) further comprises authenticating the client with the host service during a first communication session between the client and the host service.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein step (c) further comprises obtaining, from the ticket, a key and session id.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein step (c) further comprises using the session id from the ticket to retrieve encrypted authentication credentials.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein step (c) further comprises using the key from the

ticket to decrypt the retrieved authentication credentials.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein step (c) further comprises re-authenticating the client with the host service using the decrypted authentication credentials.

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 ~~2~~ wherein step (f) further comprises generating, after deleting the ticket ~~is deleted~~, a replacement ticket.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein step (a) further comprises generating a ticket at the first protocol service.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein step (a) further comprises saving, at the first protocol service, a copy of the ticket.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 ~~4~~ wherein step (a) further comprises transmitting the ticket from the first protocol service to the client.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein step (a) further comprises deleting the ticket automatically after a pre-determined period of time.

13. (Currently amended) A system for reconnecting a client to a host service, the system comprising:

a client configured to maintain a first connection with a first protocol service executing on a second computing device, the client re-establishing the first connection between the client and the first protocol server while maintaining the second connection between the first protocol server and the host service; and

the first protocol service configured to maintain the first connection with the client and a second connection with the host service executing on a third computing device, wherein the first protocol service:

~~detecting a disruption is detected in the first connection;~~  
~~the first connection is re-established between the client and the first protocol service~~  
~~while the second connection between the first protocol service and the host service is maintained;~~  
~~receiving a ticket transmitted by the client and associated with the client is transmitted~~  
~~from the client to the first protocol service;~~  
~~validating the ticket is validated;~~ and  
after the ticket is validated, linking the re-established first connection ~~is linked~~ to the maintained second connection.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13 wherein the client is authenticated with the host service during a first communication session between the client and the host service.

15. (Original) The system of claim 13 wherein the ticket comprises a key and session id.

16. (Original) The system of claim 15 wherein the ticket is validated by the first protocol service using the session id to retrieve encrypted authentication credentials.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16 wherein the ticket is further validated by decrypting the retrieved authentication credentials with the key from the ticket.

18. (Original) The system of claim 17 wherein the client is re-authenticated with the host service using the decrypted authentication credentials.

19. (Cancelled).

20. (Original) The system of claim ~~13~~ 19 wherein the first protocol service is further configured to generate, after deleting the ticket ~~is deleted~~, a replacement ticket.

21. (Original) The system of claim 13 wherein the first protocol service is further configured to generate the ticket.

22. (Currently amended) The system of claim 21 ~~12~~ wherein the first protocol service is further configured to save a copy of the ticket.

23. (Original) The system of claim 13 wherein the first protocol service is further configured to transmit the ticket to the client.

24. (Original) The system of claim 13 wherein the first protocol service is further configured to automatically delete the ticket after a pre-determined period of time.

25. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the third computing device is the second computing device.

26. (New) The system of claim 13 wherein the third computing device is the second computing device.